

The University of Texas at Austin Grease Trap Service Guidance

All grease traps must be serviced by a licensed contractor by pumping all material from the trap and pressure washing the trap a minimum of every 90 days unless permission to suspend pumping is granted through UT's Environmental Health & Safety Department. Suspending required cleaning may be possible for example when a kitchen will be out of service for an extended period of time.

Grease traps may require more frequent servicing if the grease concentration in the trap/interceptor is greater than 45% Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOGs). EHS will monitor FOGs and notify customers in advance when their levels continually exceed 45% as the trap may require additional servicing.

EHS will observe the servicing process by the contractor frequently to ensure the trap is properly pumped and cleaned, to ensure that the trap is in good working condition, and that the contractor follows all SPCC requirements.

Adding enzymes to the grease trap or any plumbing fixture that leads to the grease trap including floor drains is prohibited. The addition of enzymes reduces the effectiveness of the grease traps by preventing the coagulation of grease to separate it from water.

Waste haulers must provide a "trip ticket" or manifest every time a trap/interceptor is pumped. These tickets must include the following information:

- a. One manifest for each grease trap serviced.
- b. All grease trap manifests should list the percent FOGs for the primary and secondary chambers.
- c. All grease trap manifests shall be completely filled out including the stamp from the facility that received the waste from the truck. This is to reduce liability and to ensure that UT's waste is being properly disposed of.
- d. Grease trap manifests need to be provided to EHS within 30 days of the date of service.
- e. Manifests should be sent to EHS (attn: Environmental Program)

If a backup or clog results in an overflow of material outside of a building contact EHS immediately. If a backup or clog occurs inside the building contact the UT Zone Maintenance Shop to unclog the drain(s) or pipe(s) as necessary.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the UT-Austin Environmental Health & Safety Department at 512-471-3511.